

TREASURER OF STATE[781]

Notice of Intended Action

Twenty-five interested persons, a governmental subdivision, an agency or association of 25 or more persons may demand an oral presentation hereon as provided in Iowa Code section 17A.4(1)“b.”

Notice is also given to the public that the Administrative Rules Review Committee may, on its own motion or on written request by any individual or group, review this proposed action under section 17A.8(6) at a regular or special meeting where the public or interested persons may be heard.

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code section 12B.10C, the Treasurer of State hereby gives Notice of Intended Action to amend Chapter 15, “Required Public Funds Custodial Agreement Provisions,” Iowa Administrative Code.

Iowa Code section 12B.10C directs the Treasurer of State to adopt rules in consultation with the Attorney General. These proposed amendments are necessary to address stakeholder comments.

Any interested person may make written suggestions or comments on these amendments on or before September 23, 2014. Such written comments or suggestions should be directed to Stefanie Devin, Iowa Treasurer of State, 1007 E. Grand Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa 50319. E-mail may be sent to stefanie.devin@iowa.gov.

After analysis and review of this rule making, no impact on jobs has been found.

These amendments are intended to implement Iowa Code chapter 12B.

The following amendments are proposed.

ITEM 1. Amend subrule 15.1(3) as follows:

15.1(3) A public unit may only enter into a public funds custodial agreement if the custodian is a ~~state or national bank that is located in the state of Iowa and has a safekeeping or trust department~~ the trust or safekeeping department of a national or state bank located in the state of Iowa that lawfully possesses and exercises fiduciary powers under applicable federal laws or the laws of the state of Iowa. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the treasurer of state may exercise its discretion under Iowa Code section 12C.4 to enter into public funds custodial agreements with a custodian located outside the state of Iowa. Each public unit that enters into a public funds custodial agreement shall require the inclusion in the public funds custodial agreement those provisions contained in rule 781—15.2(12B) of this chapter or substantially equivalent provisions.

ITEM 2. Amend rule 781—15.2(12B) as follows:

781—15.2(12B) Required provisions for inclusion in public funds custodial agreements. All public funds custodial agreements shall be in writing and shall include the following provisions:

15.2(1) The custodian shall represent and warrant that it lawfully possesses and exercises fiduciary powers under applicable federal laws or the laws of the state of Iowa, unless such custodian is located out of state and is used by the treasurer of state for purposes permitted in Iowa Code section 12C.4, and that it has the resources and expertise to act as the custodian of public funds or any security or document of ownership or title evidencing public funds investments and to perform its responsibilities under the public funds custodial agreement.

15.2(2) The scope of duties and services to be performed by the custodian shall be described in detail satisfactory to the public unit and shall include, as applicable, custodial, settlement, collection of income and investment proceeds, reporting, and securities valuation services.

15.2(3) The custodian shall agree to provide the public unit with written confirmation of its custody, on behalf of the public unit, of all assets subject to the public funds custodial agreement.

15.2(4) The custodian shall agree to segregate the public fund’s assets from the custodian’s own assets and to maintain records adequate to describe the public unit’s ownership of or beneficial interest in the assets held by the custodian.

~~15.2(5)~~ The custodian shall agree to maintain and make available to the public unit, its employees and its designees accurate, current, and complete records that sufficiently and properly document the custodian's performance under the public funds custodial agreement, including records that document all fees and other amounts charged and all transactions occurring during the term of the agreement. The custodian shall, at a minimum, agree to allow the public unit or its designees, at no charge, to access, examine and audit any directly pertinent records of the custodian relating to or created as a result of the public funds custodial agreement. The custodian shall agree to maintain adequate records regarding a description of the assets, all receipts, deliveries and locations of assets, together with a current inventory thereof, all purchases and sales, all receipts and disbursements of cash and all debits and credits pertaining to transactions relating to the assets, including but not limited to interest payments. The custodian shall agree to conduct periodic inspections in order to verify the accuracy of the inventory, including the securities, if any, held by a subcustodian.

~~15.2(6)~~ If the custodian proposes to use a subcustodian to perform any services in connection with the public funds custodial agreement, the custodian shall agree to take appropriate action to recover losses incurred by the public unit as a result of the acts or omissions of any subcustodian. The custodian shall agree that all records of investment transactions relating to the public funds custodial agreement and the services provided thereunder, regardless of who performs the services, shall be considered records of the public unit and open to inspection and examination by the public unit, its employees and its designees. To the extent records of investment transactions are maintained by affiliates of the custodian, the custodian shall agree to be responsible to obtain any such records that are in the possession of its affiliates upon reasonable request of the public unit. The custodian shall agree to make all records of investment transactions relating to the public funds custodial agreement and the services provided thereunder available upon reasonable request for inspection and audit by the public unit, its employees or designees, and to allow these records or excerpts of these records to be copied and removed to facilitate the audit or to comply with public records requirements.

~~15.2(7)~~ The custodian shall settle all transactions on a payment versus delivery settlement basis except those specifically exempted in the agreement or unless such settlement is not market practice or unless otherwise directed by the public unit. If the custodian proposes to use an affiliated subcustodian or other affiliated agent to perform any services in connection with the public funds custodial agreement, the custodian shall agree that it shall be responsible for the acts and omissions of such affiliates as though the acts and omissions of the affiliates were the acts and omissions of the custodian.

~~15.2(8)~~ The custodian shall agree that it will receive all assets purchased by or for the public unit from the persons through or from whom the same were purchased, and only upon receipt thereof (delivery versus payment basis) pay, out of the assets held on account of the public unit, the total amount payable for the purchase as set forth in the instructions received by the custodian. The custodian shall agree to secure possession of all investment instruments that are the subject of or are the underlying obligations for any repurchase agreement.

~~15.2(9)~~ The custodian shall agree that it will transfer assets for sale pursuant to instructions delivered to the custodian only upon receipt of the total amount payable to the public unit in connection with the settlement of the transaction, provided that the same conforms to the total amount payable to the public unit as shown in the instructions with respect to such sale. No assets may be delivered out of the account of the public unit without full payment (no "free deliveries" of investment securities shall be permitted).

~~15.2(8)~~ ~~15.2(10)~~ If a public unit has engaged an investment advisor or investment manager, the public funds custodial agreement must limit the authority of the investment manager or advisor to authorizing a sale or purchase of an investment on a delivery versus payment basis pursuant to an instruction procedure which is consistent with the requirements of the public funds custodial agreement and the internal control policies of the public unit. The public funds custodial agreement shall not permit an investment manager or investment advisor to deliver, transfer, or move cash or securities to another account, location or entity.

~~15.2(9)~~ ~~15.2(11)~~ The delivery, transfer or movement of cash or securities held in custody for the public unit (except for trades on a delivery versus payment basis) shall only be made pursuant to

instructions given to the custodian by the public unit, its employees or designees, consistent with the internal controls established by the public unit.

~~15.2(10)~~ **15.2(12)** The public funds custodial agreement shall specify in satisfactory detail the procedures for instructions to be furnished to the custodian in connection with the sales or purchases of securities and the delivery, transfer or movement of cash or securities held in the custody account. The instruction provisions must be consistent with the internal control policies established by the public unit. These procedures must specify the individual or individuals authorized to issue instructions, the scope of their authority, require current specimen signatures of authorized individuals to be maintained by the custodian and require written instructions to be furnished to the custodian. If oral instructions are permitted, the procedures or protocol for them must be specified in detail and must address verification and confirmation procedures and follow-up written instructions required by the custodian and the public unit.

~~15.2(11)~~ **15.2(13)** The public funds custodial agreement shall require the custodian to furnish a monthly report describing in satisfactory detail the inventory of the account and transaction history during the preceding month and other reports at such times as may be adequate to satisfy the public unit's internal control procedures for reconciliation. In addition, the custodian shall, to the extent not prohibited by law, provide written notice to the public unit (~~within a time period acceptable to the public unit~~) within 30 days of the custodian's receipt of an audit by an independent or internal auditor or regulatory authority which indicates that there is a material weakness in the custodian's internal control structure or receipt of a regulatory order or sanction which relates to the type of work performed under the public funds custodial agreement. The custodian shall include in the written notice a detailed description of the comment or sanction and any curative measures which the custodian proposes to take in response thereto.

~~15.2(12)~~ **15.2(14)** The public funds custodial agreement shall not provide for the compensation of the custodian based on investment performance.

~~15.2(13)~~ **15.2(15)** The custodian shall agree to comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws and rules when performing within the scope of the public funds custodial agreement.

~~15.2(14)~~ **15.2(16)** At a minimum, the custodian shall agree to exercise the standard of care expected of a professional custodian of public funds in holding, maintaining and servicing the public fund's assets and cash and in performing the custodian's duties and obligations under the public funds custodial agreement.